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# BIG CROWDS SEE SHOCKS PSL AIRBORNE

— By Andrew Dettre —

All the deflatable spices of this grand old game were present in last week's opening of the Philips League: color, excitement — and huge upsets, watched by a total crowd of over 42,000, some 10,000 more than in last year's first round.

The three Melbourne teams, much to the surprise of everybody — including Melbournians themselves — all got off to a winning start, two of them interstate against highly fancied adversaries.

Who would have dared forecast that classy Adelaide City goes down at home to Footscray or that a rejuvenated South Melbourne will have the temerity to come, see and conquer the Saints in Sydney?

If Melbourne has cause to celebrate, Brisbane is full of gloom: both their teams lost, without scoring a single goal in the process.

Brisbane Lions' shattering home defeat, with Hermiton and all, at the hands of a brilliant Marconi, may trigger off more street demonstrations in that turbulent city.

If the Lions' fried chicken got burnt to a crisp, Newcastle's beer went sour.

The League's freshmen, in front of an amazing 15,000-strong gala crowd, went down without a murmur to a polished Hakoah whose trial form was bad enough to cause widespread depression around Bondi.

Canberra, also in a new, plush home ground, drew a record crowd and its admir-

tion for its great fight-back and ultimate draw against West Adelaide.

Just about the only predictable result of the round was Olympic's loss: Sydney soccer's long dormant giants appear no closer to revival than ever before.

Chances are that the fine attendances — and perhaps the upsets — will continue in the second round.

Four of last week's winners will appear at home — but they should learn from the bitter experience of those other four who managed to lose in the first round in front of their own crowds.



American-style promotion preceded Sunday's opening of the new St. George stadium with the rival captains, Peter Ollerton (left) and George Harris, as well as FIFA referee Tony Boskovic descending from heaven in a helicopter. Later South Melbourne were in seventh heaven with their deserved 2-0 win.

## "OPERATION SNOWBALL" HITS WESTERN NSW

The largest and most ambitious series of coaching courses ever undertaken in Australia will start on March 18.

Designated as "Operation Snowball", it will spread right across the country areas of western NSW and will mobilise hundreds of coaches and players.

It will be organised by NSW Director of Coaching, Joe Vlasits, for the Western NSW Amateur Association, who made the initial approach, through Doug McCurran (president), Noel Chegwidden (secretary) and Ken Sinclair (treasurer).

"Operation Snowball" will cost about \$10,000 and the whole bill will be met by Western NSW clubs, players and some sponsors.

Joe Vlasits said this week that he was hoping the idea would be copied in other NSW areas as well as other States of Australia.

"If we don't start doing something positive now, the country areas will never develop. And traditionally, these are soccer's great hinterlands," he said.

This is the program:

March 18-19: Lithgow (20 coaches), Forbes (20 coaches) and Dubbo (40 coaches), all basic courses.

March 25-26: Orange (30 coaches) and Forbes (200 junior players)

April 8-9: Lithgow (150 juniors), Orange (300 juniors)

April 15-16: Wellington (15 coaches), Bathurst (20 coaches)

April 22-23: Wellington (100 juniors)

April 29-30: Bathurst (200 juniors)

May 13-14: Dubbo (40 coaches)

Joe Vlasits said 25 senior coaches will hold the courses, some visiting for one day, others staying for the full weekend.

Coaches will include Bill Vrolyks, Raul Blanco, Mick Jones, Joe Marston, Denis Adrigan, Andy Clues and Dave Wardell.

They will have their expenses paid as well as a modest allowance for the day.

The junior players will be split into two groups, 10 to 13 and 14 to 16.

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— By Roger Dewick —

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Sutherland must thank John Watkiss and goalkeeper Malcolm Haynes for the 2-1 win and their second consecutive entry into the Ampol Cup final.

They were sadly handicapped by the absence of four regulars due to injury, in the persons of Peter Hall, Keith Schumann, Steve Meades and Warren Woods. Watkiss made his mark after only six minutes when he set up the first goal for Craig Hall to finish off.

In the second half he showed all his old guile.

At that stage Monaro had the Shire on their collective knees and they were taking a dreadful battering.

Monaro had only themselves to blame for not winning the semi-final as they carved out most of the scoring opportunities.

The culprits were Sebastian Giampaolo and Mauro Valeri, who absolutely failed to reveal the speed of foot and shot which they had showed in earlier matches.

It took them until the 81st minute to equalise through Tony Morsello, who was transferred during the week from APIA.

Peter Beggs, signed by Sutherland during the week for \$2500 from Wollongong City to bolster up their forwards, was rarely seen.

He did, however, produce a little touch of magic with only minutes remaining, and in scoring the winning goal he also showed that he has that extra drive that will transform the Sutherland forward line into something of a scoring machine.

What was lacking in the Sutherland side on the day was the creativity of Steve Meades in midfield, and ob-

viously his return must ginger up the team.

**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes 4, Hailford 2, Wykes 38, Branson, Watkiss 5, Dal Forno 3, Basterfield 3, Beggs 3, Smith 4, C. Hall 3, Lavin 3, Hammer 2.

**MONARO:** Palec 3, Prgomelja 4, O'Maye 3, Santolin 3, Crawford 2, Lawler 2 (70), Cumming, Forwood 2, M. Valeri 2 (63), Morsello, Giampaolo 3, W. Valeri 3, Borwick 3.

**Goals:** 1-0 C. Hall (6); 1-1 Morsello (81); 2-1 Beggs (83).

**Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 2762 (double-header). **Caution:** Santolin.

### IAN'S DOUBLE

Two goals from Melita Eagles striker Ian McGovern gave his team a place in the Ampol Cup final in the year of their return to State League.

Melita earned their win as they soon proved that they had the edge in both skill and method, and they ran out 2-1 victors over Arncliffe Scots.

Both teams tried to play the game at 100 kilometres per hour, and it gave little opportunity for skill and finesse to really show through.

All that Arncliffe had to offer was fitness and tremendous effort. It was no surprise when Ian McGovern opened the scoring after 20 minutes.

He played well throughout, and added his second goal just before halftime with a superbly taken half-volley on the turn which would have been a highlight in any class of football.

Melita did not reveal the physical aggression they showed in earlier games, and this contributed to their success on the day.

John Muscovits, signed during the week to bolster the Scots' attack, gave his team some heart when he netted in the 80th minute, but they were not good enough to apply the pressure from a 2-1 deficit position.

**MELITA:** Bracklow 3, McPherson 4 (76), Butler, Vervens 3, Yamine 2, Mikas 2, Drossos 3, Parker 2, McAusland 4, McGovern 4, Farnugia 3, Brizuela 2 (68, R. Smith).

**ARNCLIFFE:** Cuneo 3, Butler 3, Walsh 2, Smart 3, Warner 2, Gilmour 2 (76), Armstrong, Baker 3, Harrington 3, Muscovits 3, Cochran 2, Henwood 2 (50, Chris O'Meara).

**Goals:** 1-0 McGovern (20), 2-0 McGovern (42), 2-1 Muscovits (80).

**Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 2782 (double-header).

**Caution:** Mikas.

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# AMPOL CUP 1978

## Watkiss brigade may cause shock

— By Keith Gilmour —

All the signs point to a close fought result in Sunday's Ampol Cup final to be played at Garside Park at 3.30 p.m.



George Butler, Melita.

Melita Eagles have an excellent chance of victory — but only if they get out of the slump that was so evident in last Sunday's semifinal at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Sutherland's chances must depend upon a quick recovery by the four players who missed last week due to injury, plus the very sharp defender Peter Wykes, who had to retire last Sunday.

Certainly they badly need Steve Meades back to sharpen up the midfield.

Also missing were defenders Warren Woods and Keith Schumann and creative winger Peter Hall.

If John Watkiss can go out and play as he did in the semifinal Sutherland's job will be much easier.

In fact, Schumann may well be unfit, so Watkiss' resolve to stay retired if circumstances permit must go for naught if his team is to win the Cup.

Melita's defence effort is revolving too much around the ability of fair-haired young Bobby McPherson, so the need is for his drive to rub off on to the rest of the defence.

Sutherland's bid to build its attack resulted in the signing of Peter Beggs.

He is not a world beater, but he gives 100% effort and has a proven scoring at State League level.

## CLUB PATROL

In response to the item in last week's CLUB PATROL about players' ignorance of the rules of soccer, Arncliffe Scots contacted the Federation and have arranged for a referee to go to their club and give a lecture.

YUGAL are now training at two separate fields; the first grades are using Camperdown Oval near Sydney University, while the lower grades use Steele park, Tempe. Both training nights are Wednesday and Friday at 6.00 p.m. and any players interested are invited to attend.

ANDREW VASS, who has done so much to establish Marrickville Olympic on a firm footing, has resigned as president of the club; his replacement is Dr Nicholas.

The Sutherland club is gradually carrying out improvements upon SEYMOUR SHAW PARK. This year the dressing rooms and shower facilities have been re-vamped to make them more comfortable, while in a few weeks it is hoped that two shelters will be constructed on the sidelines for reserves and coaches to sit in out of the rain.

Yugal will play all their home matches at CONCORD OVAL this year, though for some Saturday games the field will be unavailable and they will have to seek another venue.

Arncliffe Scots have regained another former player in the shape of 19-year-old JOHN MUSCOVITS. John was a junior with Arncliffe before moving to Marrickville Olympic where he proved himself to be a prolific goalscorer.

HECTOR MARTINEZ is trying to burst back onto the soccer scene after a year in the doldrums. In 1975-76 Hector was with Pan Hellenic, then moved to Manly last year but could never command a regular first team spot through injury. However, his knee injury has cleared up totally now and the 25-year-old striker is interested in joining a new club. He can be contacted on 359-2427.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES Soccer Club hopes to eventually become the first university team to play in

division one in Australia, and they could very well do this. So far they have been playing well in the Umbro Cup, and have a wealth of talent. The club suffered a major set back recently though when they lost their fine coach ANGUS PAYNE. Angus lives in Gosford and had to commute to Kensington twice a week for training and this was becoming something of a drain.

Congratulations for ex-Wollongong player PETER BEGGS who turned 21 last Wednesday.

Croatia's three English imports have finally arrived in Australia after a slight delay. FRANK RYDAN is a defender, while MIKE HENRUDDY and JOHN RUSSELL are midfielders. All three players were to be tested out in a friendly match against Granville last Tuesday night.

After several years of a deathbed existence, the once proud and great club PRAGUE has been laid to rest. Last week the Yugal-Prague club changed its name back to plain 'Yugal' meaning that there is now no trace of Prague left in Sydney Soccer.

Sutherland could well be without one of their talented youngsters, STEPHEN MEADES, for about four weeks. He dislocated his shoulder in the friendly match against St. George last week.

MIKE McCANN, son of former NSW Federation president Peter McCann, has a business appointment for the next few years in Utrecht, Holland, and is turning out for the local reserve team.

NSW Protestant Churches Soccer secretary, ROY PEARSON, on the recreational staff at Sydney University, is also secretary of the Australian Universities Soccer Association.

Why not? Now that the former Canterbury-Marrickville and Helias Canterbury have become MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC, there is a clash in name with the Second Division Marrickville club, coached by Rex Foster. Marrickville could well consider a change of name to Canterbury, which surely would be in the interests of themselves and the game. It could well bring them a goodly supply of

## SQUADS FOR AMPOL CUP FINAL

### MELITA EAGLES

Bracklow  
McPherson  
Ververis  
Yamine  
Mikas  
Drossos  
Parker  
McAusland  
McGovern

Farrugia  
Brizuela  
Butler  
R. Smith  
Schilero  
Yonan  
Scibberas  
Marsden  
Coach: R. Bianco

### SUTHERLAND

Haynes  
Wykes  
Woods  
Watkiss  
Del Forno  
Meades  
C. Hall  
Basterfield

P. Smith  
Lavin  
P. Hall  
Branson  
Schumann  
Hammer  
Hesford  
Craggs  
Coach: J. Watkiss

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central defender, is only 20 and is still at university.

The Sutherland club is still producing talented young players, for the first team. TONY BUSH an 18-year-old has forced his way into the first team squad after coming up through the ranks of Miranda Magpies, the Inter district team and the Sharks' third grade side.

A 22-year-old striker STASE GEORGEFF has been signed by Western Suburbs from Newcastle Austral. He recently spent three months with London Second Division club Orient, who last week knocked Chelsea out of the FA Cup.

Marrickville Olympic supporters last week made a presentation of \$650 to fullback Greg Brown, who will miss the season following severe injury in a motoring accident.

WESTS are still on the lookout for a physiotherapist. Contact club manager Mike Laing on 713 8672. Meanwhile Peter van Ryn remains out of the club picture, and will concentrate on national team duties only.

There is a strong chance that MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC will have a 21-year lease of Arlington Oval, allowing them full Saturday, Sunday and holiday use of the ground and the opportunity to carry out planned improvements. The scheme has been well received by Marrickville Council, and the arrangements could be completed this week.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's new blue and white hooped jerseys show up well, but the orange numbers accompanying the 'Patra' sponsorship on the back need to be redone to give greater contrast for visibility.

DON, ALLAN, the Sydney Olympic striker, resumed training on Tuesday after being troubled by a twisted ankle.

## NSW Federation Official Program

### Sunday, March 12 AMPOL CUP FINAL

Sutherland v Melita Garside Park, 3.30 p.m.

For third place:

Monaro v Arncliffe 1.45 p.m.

Mini-Ampol Cup final:

Sutherland v Bankstown, 12.15 p.m.

Umbro Cup final:

Saturday, March 11

Revesby v Ku-ring-gai Francis Park, 3 p.m.

## ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 18

Sutherland v Mr. Olympic Seymour Shaw

Sunday, March 19

Toongabbie v Granville Girraween

Monaro v Manly Marco Polo

APIA v Auburn Lambert Park

Avala v Yugal Knight Park

Melita v Croatia Garside Park

Bankstown v Arncliffe Soccer Centre

### II DIVISION

Saturday, March 18

Blacktown v M'ville Francis Park

Belmore v Polonia Blick Oval

Sunday, March 19

Revesby v Ku-ring-gai Milperra Reserve

North Sydney v Queens Pk. To be advised

Gladesville v Warringah Morrison Bay Park

Uni NSW v Guildford David Phillips

# Coke adds life to the winning goal.







# PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

## MELBOURNE'S NEW FACES

— From Con Nikolopoulos —

Three new faces have entered the Victorian scene.

Fitzroy have obtained a Scottish youth international to understudy Peter Blasby, and a midfielder from Clydebank to line up with Pat Bannon and Kenny Taylor.

Their counterparts, South Melbourne, welcome Stuart Baxter, formerly of Helsingborg of Sweden, to fill their gap in defence.

The reinforcements: **Fitzroy United:** Jim Marnar, goalkeeper, 22. Previous teams, Morton FC, Kilbarnie. Represented Scotland against Northern Ireland.

**Doug Hay**, midfielder, 26. Previous teams, Clydebank, Partick Thistle.

**South Melbourne:** Stuart Baxter, stopper, 24. Previous teams, Preston North End, Dundee United, Helsingborg (Sweden).



Saints soccer president, Les Bordacs, last Sunday presented George Harris with a gift — famous china from Herend of Hungary — for his 10 years' service to the club.

## One goal can be saviour

— From Vic Migliaccio —

Last Friday night the South Australian Ampol Cup was highlighted by Croatia's heroic 1-0 win against Beograd.

With the win Croatia completed a Quadrfecta on the night.

They scored their first goal in the competition, their first win, the first club to part company with their coach for the '78 season (Charlie Welker), and the only club in the history of the Cup that has scored one goal in four matches and is still in the running to qualify for the semifinal.

Scorer was John Pope (33 min.)

In the other match Victoria held Azzurri to a 1-1 draw.

Victoria, minus their UK import sensation Danny Dance, who signed for Adelaide City last week, did extremely well against the strong Azzurri side.

Most impressive in his new role as a winger was Victoria's Mike Smitherman.

Scorers: Azzurri, Ross Russo (27 min.); Victoria, Billy Boyle (55 min.).

This Friday night it's the last minor round: At 7.30 Beograd will play Lion and at 9.05 Croatia will meet Polonia.

On form, Lion should be able to beat Beograd.

My selections: Lion, Croatia.

## Names shown



A marvellous innovation by St. George: all their players not only have large, clearly visible "outline" numbers on their backs but also the players' names. Here Phil O'Connor displays soccer's new style.



This is it — the stunning National Stadium of Canberra, during last week's opening against West Adelaide. Photo by Warren Hudson.

## CANBERRA'S DAY

— From Chris Kunz —

There can be no doubt that the record 6100 people at Canberra's National Stadium got their money's worth last Sunday.

A match between Canberra City reserves and Colts was followed by a junior club match past (involving all clubs but Monaro; they were invited).

Then there was a soccer ball scramble involving 300 juniors, music from "Die Dorfmusik", and at halftime of the main game Y-M-C-A trampolines and tumblers.

It is now envisaged that a band of some sort will be present each week a home game is played, backing up the junior circuit-raiser and invitation athletics events, once Canberra returns to Saturday matches on April 1.

The curtain raiser for this Sunday's game against Adelaide City will be the clash between last year's top two amateur sides, Goulburn Workers and Arinya.

Seconds after Ivan Gruicic's penalty hit the net the 13-metre long electronic scoreboard read: "Great goal, Ivan" and then, "we want two".

The crowd scarcely needed encouragement to follow suit. The noise penetrated the supposedly sound-proof control room.

One stunned onlooker was Canberra's version of "John Laws", Dean Banks, from the national capital's top rating radio station 2CC.

The first thing Dean said on his show at 9 a.m. Monday morning was that the Canberra Week celebrations had started in a great way, and that the highlight was Canberra City's opening game the day before.

He appealed to everyone whether they had seen a soccer match before or not to go along and back Canberra City on Sunday.

day at the National Stadium. Incredible — especially when you consider that his station is running a \$10,000 tag fishing contest on the same day.

Banks was not the only one impressed by last Sunday's game.

MP John Haslem rushed into the stadium control room to say that more police would be needed to control the traffic jams that had built up around the stadium and one of Canberra's main arterial roads the three-lane Belconnen Way, before the game.

The ACT police in their infinite wisdom had assigned two men.

To them, I suppose it was just another soccer match.

By the way, Canberra's biggest home crowd last season was 2500 — 3600 less than last Sunday.

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# MARCONI, HAKOAH TO STAY AT TOP

— By Andrew Dettre —

The League's two Sydney-based high-flyers, Easts Hakoah and Marconi should consolidate their positions at the top when they play at home on Sunday.

Marconi, after their great triumph in Brisbane, will meet a tough and composed Fitzroy in what is certain to be a dour struggle.

The crafty, experienced Fitzroy defence is unlikely to allow the freedom of the park to Marconi's speedy raiders.

Still, the Rasic-boys are in such devastating form that they should be able to pierce the barricades, especially if the Sharpe-Jankovics tandem can retain its goal-touch.

Easts Hakoah, obviously back in form just at the right moment, appear to have an easy task — but they should beware as a badly mauled Lion can spring some unpleasant surprises.

It's clear that the newly forged Hermiston-Bennett partnership will need time to settle down; however, even then the problem of a sterile attack remains.

East's open, attacking style and clever use of the wings is certain to pay off again particularly if Stevenson, Barnes and Smith can organise things in the middle.

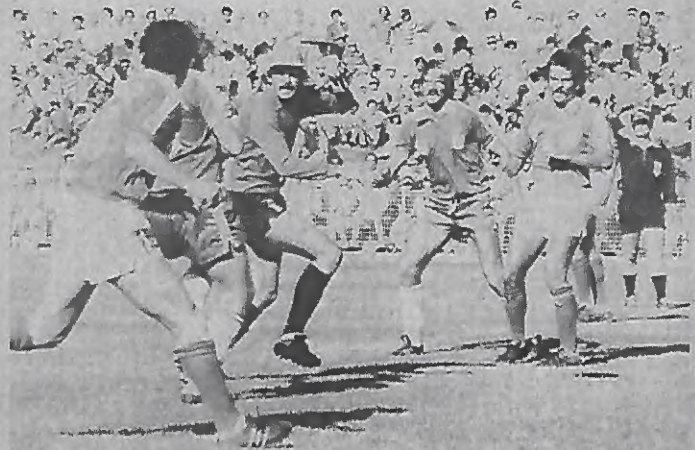
A new-look South Melbourne, completely redesigned by Dave MacLaren, will clash with Olympic in a friendly fratricide and, on last week's form, should romp home.

Newcomers Baxter, Wright and Hansen, an exuberant Lutton and a tight, well organised defence led by Hatzimandis and Kalafatis, form the backbone of a team which may at last fulfil all its overdue promises.

The same cannot be said about Olympic who are still struggling to find not just a team but also a style and look to be in danger of suffering their second defeat in a row.

Western Suburbs have a reunion with their former star Col Curran when they play host to Newcastle United — and should rub salt into the gaping wound with a win.

Wests, shaken up and rejuvenated in the off season by



St. George 'keeper Martin Coe caught off guard during a South Melbourne attack last week. From left: Jones, Ollerton (obscured), Coe, Rogers and J. O'Shea.

Mike Laing, don't appear any weaker for the severe blood-letting.

Newcastle, on the other hand, are learning the facts of life about this tough, unsentimental League the hard way and could go on taking yet another lesson.

At Hindmarsh, West Adelaide, full of ambitions for 1978, will be confronted by a bitterly disappointed St. George keen to make amends for their defeat.

Westad, with an abundance of stars in their ranks, have to find the right combination to become a real threat.

Brisbane City's job against Footscray won't be easy especially when you consider that the Melbourne side managed an incredibly precious and convincing win in Adelaide last Sunday.

City's perennial ailment of goal-shyness will have to be overcome before they can count on good results.



Canberra's Stoddart and Byrne in action last week.

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### THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 12

Marconi v Fitzroy	Bossley Park, 3 p.m.
Easts Hakoah v Lions	Wentworth Park, 3 p.m.
Sth. Melb. v Olympic	Middle Park, 3 p.m.
West. Sub. v Newcastle	Englefield, 3 p.m.
West Ad. v St. George	Hindmarsh, 2.30 p.m.
Br. City v Footscray	Perry Park, 3 p.m.
Canberra v Ad. City	Bruce, 2.30 p.m.

### NEXT WEEK

West Adel. v Olympic
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# NEW STARS MAY LIFT WESTAD HIGHER

— By Allan Crisp —

**"Watch Out For Westad" — this could well be the catchphrase for the 1978 Philips League season.**

West Adelaide seem destined to improve dramatically on last year's middle list ranking.

Westad, obviously mindful of last year's shortcomings, recruited quietly, almost unobtrusively, for the big challenge.

New president Dr Bill Kyros and energetic new team manager George Kotsis knew full well that Westad were disadvantaged last season because of a lack of reserve strength.

Together with coach John Margaritis and former team manager, now secretary, Jim Carapetis, they combed the player market at local, interstate and overseas levels.

First of the local signings was former Leeds United junior Peter Tymczyszyn from USO Lion.

The acquisition of the tall, blonde-haired utility player was anything but simple, however, because his work permit had to be renewed before he was allowed to remain in Australia.

Next came Uros Zivkovic, a superbly talented playmaker from the Eastern Districts Azurri club.

Zivkovic, winner of the West End Medal as the most outstand-

ing player in the first division in 1972, has an attitude which epitomises the policy of his new club.

Fans have not seen the best of Zivkovic because the local league has not provided the motivation for his talents.

Once his clearance was finalised, however, he resigned from his employment to concentrate fully on training so that he would be at his peak for the PSL start.

Westad's next recruiting moves were made with startling rapidity.

After failing to convince John Kosmina that there would be a better team than Arsenal, Westad grabbed the Australian international's team-mate Vic Bozanic.

And if trial match form can be taken as an accurate guide, Bozanic, who was bought from Polonia, who could prove the bargain of the decade.

Westad unleashed their battery of new signings and prospective purchases on Fitzroy and although they won only 1-0 there was no doubting their overall superiority.

Ex-Derby County striker Eric Carruthers who arrived in Adelaide two days before that game scored the match-winner and showed some fine touches in the 45 minutes that he spent on the field.

Graham Norris, the former Western Suburbs striker whom Westad signed from Western Suburbs via Hakoah, also looked sharp in his one half appearance.

Melbourne trialist Ulysses Kokkinos made several exciting wing sorties but spoilt his debut by trying to beat the extra opponent too often.

Westad's latest import, former Greek international Con Campas, should add a further touch of class and stability to the defence which already boasts fine players in goalkeeper, Martyn Crook, Barry Reynolds, Neil McGachey, David Jones, Lacki Vagianos and Gordon McCulloch.

Other encouraging signs of resurgence come from the lively form of captain Peter Boyle who has obviously recovered from the virus which upset him last year and the keen understanding apparent between former Scottish Under-23 international, Graham Honeyman and his old team-mate Carruthers.

With Ian McGreor, Alex Zervas, John Batchelor and young George Koulanos also on coach Margaritis' list, Westad's forecast hope of simply improving on last season's seventh placing could well prove to be

the most conservative ambition of the year.

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# WORLD NEWS



## The genius of Clough

The "Clough miracle" — that's how experts in Britain refer to Nottingham Forest's brilliant run in the first division.

Brian Clough has managed to transform an average club and ordinary team into potential champions.

During their 113 years Nottingham have won the Cup twice but never the League championship, now they have a commanding lead at the top.

What's the secret? All players perform above their previously believed abilities. They run non-stop and are fired by boundless enthusiasm.

Some of the players Clough took to Nottingham were regarded as second rate. Clough then went to work on them.

Ken Burns, during his days with Birmingham, was cautioned or sent off almost monthly, now hardly commits a foul.

Up front they have Peter White who two years ago was forced to the USA to earn his soccer living, now he is the spiritual leader of the attack.

Left winger John Robertson was in and out of the team for eight years, a regular reserve, now he is a Scotland international.

Brian Clough, Britain's most controversial manager, appears to have that rare touch.



West German manager Helmut Schon had to watch the recent international against England on TV because he was confined to his bed with flu.

His star striker Klaus Fischer was also absent with sickness.

Schwarzenbeck from Munich regained his place in the German team — but was a total failure at fullback, Beckenbauer's old position.

Another blow to the Germans was the serious injury of their star midfielder Flohe. Schon now admits that less than three months before the World Cup, he is still looking for his team.

Hamburg's defender Kaitz, who was originally handpicked to fill Beckenbauer's

position, is completely out of touch and didn't even play against England.

Fischer's possible deputy, Dieter Muller, has dropped out of calculations because of a cartilage operation while the two young wingers, Abramczak and Rummenigge, are poor finishers.

Many of the German newspapers are openly worried about the form of their national team.

"This side is several goals weaker than the one which won the Cup in 1974," said the influential *Die Welt*.

"Not to mention that this time we will not be playing at home..."

Our picture shows international defender Rolf Russmann (left) in action in a recent club match.

Brazil, preparing for the possibility of playing in wet and muddy conditions in Vina del Mar, are training in special boots with aluminium breaking studs.

Graeme Souness, the former West Adelaide guest star, is the toast of Britain now. In Liverpool's 3-1 win over Manchester United he scored a brilliant goal, then he was the best man for Scotland against Bulgaria.

Hungary's preparations for the World Cup are demanding. First of all, the championship will continue until April 22 — with two matches a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Then the national side will play Czechoslovakia on April 15 (Budapest), England on May 24 (London) and two more friendlies in West Germany in May before jetting to Argentina on May 28.

Reports from Budapest indicate that Ferencvaros coach Jeno Dalnoki may soon be replaced, following his team's disappointing results in the current campaign. It would come as no surprise if the next coach would be former star player Florian Albert.

Holland's World Cup preparations are not proceeding too well; last week they managed only a meagre 2-1 win against Israel in Tel Aviv. And considering that Australia has also won there a few years ago.

The new captain of the Argentine team is Passarella, replacing Carrascosa who has withdrawn from the squad.

The Sovietsky Sport of Moscow sharply attacked FIFA over its decision to disallow players for appearing at the Olympics once they have played in World Cup matches. This, according to the newspaper, will embarrass many developing countries who haven't got two top teams (Not to mention the USSR who would have liked to field its top national side in Moscow in 1980.)

• The number of teams and registered players jumped by 10 percent in Norway in 12 months; they now have 8000 teams in competitions.

Scotland had great trouble in beating Bulgaria 2-1 in a friendly in Glasgow. The Bulgarians scored first, Scotland equalised from a penalty in the 41st minute and got the winner in the 83rd — from a suspiciously offside situation.

Sweden's first World Cup tune-up match was a failure, too, they lost 0-2 to the Spanish Malaga whose new coach is former Hungarian Jeno Kalmar.

Claudio Coutinho has already narrowed his World Cup squad to 29 men from whom he will select his final 22. These are: Leao, Carlos, Raul, Toninho, Nelinho, Ze Maria, Luiz Pereira (doubtful), Amaral, Oscar, Romarini, Francisco, Marinho, Edinho, Rodriguez, Neto, Odinei, Cerezo, Battista, Rivellino, Dircou, Paulo Cesar, Gil, Tarciso, Reinaldo, Serginho, Roberto, Zico, Palthina, Mentesa, Lima.

Spain will leave for Buenos Aires on May 22 but on the way will play Uruguay on May 24 in Montevideo.

## NOT WANTED

Birmingham City and England star Trevor Francis isn't popular with ALL youngsters, it seems. While visiting the children's ward of a Midlands hospital over Christmas he asked one patient if he could sit on his bed for a while.

"No you can't," said the boy. "And I don't want your autograph either."

Before Trevor could think of a reply, the boy called over a nurse and said: "When he's gone can you change the sheets. I'm a Liverpool supporter. Well, you can't win them all, Trev."

## SOCCER MADE IN USA

The North American Soccer League will have 24 teams this year — in six groups.

Rather confusingly, they have two "conferences" (zones) with these groupings:

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Eastern: Toronto Metros-Croatia, Rochester Lancers, Cosmos, Washington Diplomats.

Central: Minnesota Kicks, Colorado Caribous, Tulsa Roughnecks, Dallas Tornado.

Western: Vancouver Whitecaps, Seattle Sounders, Portland Timbers, Los Angeles Aztecs.

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

Eastern: New England Teamen, Philadelphia Fury, Tam-

pa Bay Rowdies, Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Central: Detroit Express, Chicago Sting, Memphis Rogues, Houston Hurricane.

Western: Oakland Stompers, San Jose Earthquakes, California Surf, San Diego Sockers.

Although each team will play more often against others in its own geographical area, the NASL will still maintain its coast-to-coast system by playing numerous interlocking games in the same "conference".

Confusingly for European fans this means, for example, that

Cosmos will play 22 games in its own "conference".

**NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE**



The majority of coaches are from Britain but there are also quite a few Yugoslavs.

This is the current list: Malcolm Musgrove (English), Chicago; Eddie Firmani (South African), Cosmos; Dave Clements (Northern Ireland), Colorado; Al Miller (USA), Dallas; Ken Furphy (English), Detroit; Ron Newman (English), Ft. Lauderdale; Terry Fisher (USA), Aztecs; Freddie Goodwin (English), Minnesota; Malcolm Allison (English), Memphis; Mirko Stojanovic (Yugoslav), Oakland; Don Megson (English), Portland; Richard Dinnis (English), Philadelphia; Dragan Popovic (Yugoslav), Rochester; Jimmy Gabriel (Scottish), Seattle; Hubert Vogelsinger (Austrian), San Diego; Gordon Jago (English), Tampa Bay; Bill Foulkes (English), Tulsa; Tony Walters (English), Vancouver; Gordon Bradley (English), Washington; John Sewell (English), California; Surf; Noel Cantwell (English), Teamen and Domagoj Kapetanovic (Yugoslav), Toronto.



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